

FACT SHEET

THE FEDERAL BUILDING CLEAN JOBS ACT

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS TO ENHANCE FEDERAL FACILITIES, BOOST ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND IGNITE THE ECONOMY

The Federal Building Clean Jobs Act of 2021 will invest **\$4.7 billion** to upgrade federal facilities with more resilient, healthy and efficient buildings. The bill will help reduce the federal government's carbon footprint and create thousands of clean energy jobs.



ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- Creates thousands of manufacturing, construction, engineering and landscaping jobs.
- Multiplies the total economic impact of the initial federal investment by leveraging private-sector financing.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Brings new jobs to communities across the country.
- Helps manage stormwater runoff, reduce pollution and lessen flooding.

FEDERAL WORKFORCE AND TAXPAYER BENEFITS

- Saves taxpayer dollars on energy and water bills by retrofitting federal buildings and upgrading federal infrastructure.
- Enhances workplace health conditions and improves employee productivity.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions from federal buildings and improves water quality with green infrastructure.
- Transitions new buildings and rehabilitated buildings to net-zero energy and net-zero carbon emissions by 2030.



THE MERITS OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY INVESTMENTS

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Energy efficiency investments have a proven track record of creating good-paying jobs, delivering long-term benefits to communities and protecting the environment.

In 2009, the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) provided **\$5.54 billion** to complete more than 500 energy efficiency upgrades and green infrastructure modernizations to federal buildings in all fifty states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

According to the General Services Administration (GSA), these clean energy investments yielded significant returns:

- Federal buildings with ARRA-era modernizations and upgrades are now **22 percent more energy efficient** and **use 27 percent less energy per square foot** than average commercial office buildings.
- Energy efficiency savings from these modernizations and upgrades are enough to provide electricity to **more than 60,000 American homes** and greenhouse gas reductions are equivalent to taking **roughly 76,000 cars off the road**.
- Energy efficiency improvements to federal buildings and infrastructure **save taxpayers more than \$68 million every single year**.¹

The Federal Building Clean Jobs Act would deliver similar benefits to taxpayers, reduce carbon emissions, boost energy efficiency, modernize American infrastructure and create thousands of good-paying jobs.

¹ [GSA'S GREEN INVESTMENTS BUILD RESULTS.](#)